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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was about steady to steady beginning the week. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies continued sufficient to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to occasionally ample for a light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-Wi were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to at times moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment attends to be really steady.

ment steady to barely steady.			IA-MN-WI-	Prices paid t	o producers.
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	42-45	LARGE	20-29	24
LARGE	38-47	40-43	MEDIUM	15-21	19
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	SMALL	5-9	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	48-51
LARGE	42-56	47-51
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, easter	n NJ, easter	n NY, PA, RI,
Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

sentiment steady to barely steady.	KANGE	WOSILI
EXTRALARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40
SOLITH CENTRAL AREA: AR AZ CO KS LA MO NIM OK	and TY	

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was mostly steady entering the week. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were generally fully sufficient to adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to at times ample for the light to moderate de-

mand.	RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-65.25	50-53	
LARGE	47-64.25	48-51	
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45	
SOUTHEAST AREA: ALL FL. GA. MS. NC. SC. eastern TN. and southern VA.			

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK.** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements.

	IVAITOL
EXTRA LARGE	56-60
LARGE	54-58
MEDIUM	49-53

## **MIDWEST REGIONAL**

	KANGE	WOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	46-54	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-47
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

<u>WESTERN</u> The market tone was weak with prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large and 3 cent lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6 percent lower than last Monday, with California down 10 percent and Oregon/Washington/Utah up 1 percent. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Offerings were ample for immediate needs.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices were 2 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large and 3 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 10% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand was fair. Offerings generally ample. Small benchmark price 59.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	98
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	84
MEDIUM	79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN (	CALIFORNIA
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
<b>EXTRA LARGE</b>	249-309	EXTRA LARC	SE
LARGE	199-259	LARGE	NOT
MEDIUM	189-239	MEDIUM	AVAILABLE

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 28, 2006 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 21, 2006 were 422,561 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 1 **CARTONED** LOOSE percent below estimates. Cases purchased present week...... 373,015 49,546 422,561 % change from the prior week..... -8 +8 -6 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

<u>CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK</u> Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 23-26 23-24

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 13-19 13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules was noted as normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-06

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9-15 11-13 12.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.02

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - APRIL 24, 2006 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

(30 DOZEN CAGEG-IN THOOGANDO)							
	•		NO	so	SO		5-Area
	No	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	<b>Pacific</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	17.0	9.5	14.3	12.7	64.3
	Change	-1.9	-3.1	1.1	-0.9	-0.4	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.1	66.4	14.5	19.4	31.0	152.4
	Change	-2.9	14.2	7.3	1.9	-5.5	11%
Large	Curr Wk	43.8	192.0	77.3	83.2	113.0	509.3
-	Change	9.4	61.9	19.7	12.9	1.0	26%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	40.3	13.4	18.9	25.2	109.8
	Change	1.2	2.1	1.5	0.7	-2.1	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	11.6	0.5	5.9	4.8	27.8
	Change	1.5	4.1	0.3	-0.2	-4.9	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	34.2	8.8	11.4	3.8	61.8
	Change	-2.6	2.0	1.4	-1.1	-1.3	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.9	52.6	24.9	28.2	23.0	152.6
	Change	5.2	6.6	5.4	4.6	-0.6	16%
Total	Curr Wk	120.2	414.1	148.9	181.3	213.5	1078.0
Percent	Change	9%	27%	33%	11%	-6%	15%

TOTAL	Number of	Percent	Number of
	Cases	Change	Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,078.0	15%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.3	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,331.3	10%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

#### **CANADIAN EGGS**

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2006.

**GRADE A** XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 1.88 1.85 1.76 1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

**GRADE A** XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 1.46 1.46 1.36 .77

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 21, 2006 **CURRENT LOADS FUTURE LOADS** 5.25 TOTAL LOADS SC NW SW SE NE MW **CLASS ORG DST ORG DST ORG** DST LOADS **CLASS** ORG **DST ORG DST ORG** DST LOADS GNR W 1 GL W J 52.00 1.00 24.50 26.00 27.00 2.00 GL W J GL W XL 44.50 43.50 3.00 38.00 1.00 GL W XL 36.00 38.00 30.33 9.25 GL W LG 31.25 41.08 3.00 GL W LG 29.50 2.00 31.00 GL W MD **—** 30.00 33.00 26.00 2.00 GL W SM 23.25 26.25 22.00 26.00 3.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/17/06-04/21/06 **FUTURE LOADS** 71.75 CURRENT LOADS 97.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 169.50

CONTRACT CALLS						JADO 71.70	•		,,,,,,,	100.00					
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		LOADS
GNR W 1	25.50	38.00	28.10	29.00	_	_	11.00		UKG	ופע	UKG	ופט			
GNR W 3		26.00	_	_		_	2.00	GNR W 1	-	_	44 00	_	_	46.00	1.00
GL W J	_		40.50	42.00	38.04	_	8.25	GL W J	38.00		41.00	_	_	50.88	8.50
GL W XL	39.00	40.65					69.25	GL W XL	33.86	40.30	_	44.75	_	43.86	23.75
GL W LG	37.00	39.95	31.67		29.70	31.00	19.25	GL W LG	30.83	_	_	44.00	_	40.45	14.25
			-					GL W MD	22.81	29.00	23.00	_	_	29.60	10.25
GL W MD	37.00	30.80		32.20		_	10.75	GL W SM	19.00	_		_	_	24.00	1.00
GL W SM	23.25	26.56	22.17	24.00	17.00	_	9.00	GL BR LG	_	_	_	61.00	_	_	.75
GL BR XL	_	_	31.00	_	_	_	2.00	NRBS - 48	22.50			_	_		2.00
GL BR LG	_		_	_	_	_	.75	TTTDO 10	22.00						2.00
NRBS - 48	20.50	21.50	_	_	24.88	24.69	71.00								
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	21.00	8.00								
NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00								

3.00

16.50 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

#### <u>COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS</u> (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/17/06	04/10/06	04/18/05
PACIFIC COAST	72	72	220
LOS ANGELES	67	67	212

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are available. Retail demand is mixed.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	68.86
LARGE	64.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	46.00

**NRBS - 39** 

# **CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)								
Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY						
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240						
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134						
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230						
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128						

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